

# OHIO HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

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## Welcome to the 2020 OHSAA State Basketball Tournament

### **Press Row Seating Charts**

Seating charts are created for each session. As media arrive at press row, please see an OHSAA representative for your specific seat assignment if it is not on your credential. Media who are not covering the following session must move their belongings to the media work room immediately after the game.

### **Media Workspace**

Reporters covering the entire tournament (or the last game of the day) may work at their seats on press row. The media work room, which is located in room 124 off the main concourse of St. John Arena, is available for those media covering only specific sessions. Photographers also may work in the media work room. Wireless internet is available in the arena. Media shall request a password and username when credentials are picked up.

**Live Stats Links:** See [ohsaa.statebroadcast.com](http://ohsaa.statebroadcast.com)

### **Postgame Interviews**

Print media may not conduct interviews on the court, except following the Division I championship game Saturday night (see later note for details and timing). Television news reporters may only obtain a quick sound bite from a coach or player on the court if approved by Tim Stried or Bob Goldring from the OHSAA.

Post-game news conferences will take place in room 124 off the main concourse of St. John Arena. Following a brief cooling off period, the head coach and key players will attend. During the semifinals, the winning team will go first. If requested, an OHSAA media escort will coordinate quick sound bites from a team if they are waiting for the other team to finish its news conference.

### **Audio Mult Boxes Available**

Two mult boxes are provided for use by the media during the basketball state tournaments. One will be located in the postgame press conference room. The other will be located at midcourt at press row. Media are welcome to obtain the audio from the house audio feed (which includes the postgame trophy presentations) and the postgame press conferences.

**Locker Room Access:** Media are not permitted in the team locker rooms at any time.

### **Following the Championship Games Saturday**

- For the first three games Saturday, print media must utilize the post-game press conference and TV reporters wishing to speak to the losing team shall do so beside the press conference room.
- Like the semifinals, interviews by TV reporters are not permitted on the court immediately after the game unless approved by Tim Stried or Bob Goldring from the OHSAA. Photographers and TV cameras are permitted on the court for a couple minutes to obtain “celebration” shots, but then all media must move to the baseline. During the trophy presentations, only the OHSAA’s official photographer, the Schottenstein Center camera, the Spectrum cameras and the Spectrum sideline reporter are permitted on the court.
- **TV reporters wishing to speak to the winning team shall wait until the team picture has been taken.**
- Following the Division I Championship Game Saturday Night: There will not be an official postgame press conference. All media wishing to speak to the losing team shall wait on the baseline until the OHSAA media assistant makes the coach and player(s) available. Media wishing to speak to the winning team shall wait until after the team picture has been taken.

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### **Pregame Timing Information**

Pregame timing information will be provided to broadcast media so they are aware of the timing of such items as the National Anthem, pregame introductions and the exact tip time. The National Anthem will be played before every session.

### **Programs and Media Guides**

Official programs and media guides are available from the press row assistants on the east side of press row (the corner closest to the media work room).

### **Hospitality**

There is a Media Hospitality Room located in room 124 off the main concourse of St. John Arena. Meals will be served at selected times during the tournament. Media members are requested to remain inside the Media Hospitality Room with their food.

### **Television Reporters and Cameras**

Television reporters are not guaranteed a seat on press row. A seat will be provided if possible. Lights on cameras are not permitted while a game is in progress. Shots from spectator seating areas are not permitted without prior permission from the OHSAA. Please see two previous notes regarding postgame TV interviews.

### **Credentials**

- A reminder to all media that credentials are non-transferable and are intended solely for the use of the designated individual whose name appears on the credential.
- The OHSAA will request clips or website links to coverage from many media who are granted credentials. The OHSAA may do this prior to the tournament or following the tournament. Your cooperation is appreciated.

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